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REPORTS

OF

SELECTMEN, TREASURER, AUDITOR,

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

Town of South Newmarket,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1880.

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GAZETTE STEAM JOB PRINTING HOUSE.
1880.

later Town report
Name changed to
New Fields

Town Officers elected at Annual Meeting.

Moderator,

ALBERT FIELD.

Town Clerk.

ALBERT H. VARNEY.

Selectmen,

CRARLES V. JENNESS,
DANIEL G. NEAL,
HOLLIS PEASE.

Treasurer.

G. O. PAUL.

Superintending School Committee.

BENTON SMITH.

Collector of Taxes,

S. E. HAYES.

Auditor,

S. E. WILLIAMS.

Officers elected at Biennial Town Meeting Nov. 1878.

Supervisors.

ALBERT FIELD,
GEO. B. WIGGIN,
J. LEWIS CHASE.

Representative to the General Court.

WM. R. HOBBS.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

VALUATION OF PROPERTY IN TOWN APRIL 1st 1879.

Real Estate	$225,053 00
Personal property,	81,667 00
Polls,	23,700 00
	$330.420 00

Rate per $100.00 on all taxes, $1.59.

TOWN OF SOUTH NEWMARKET IN ACCOUNT WITH SELECTMEN

CR.

Received balance in hands of Treasurer last year	$76 74
of State Treasurer, railroad tax	337 26
" Savings bank tax	296 00
" Literary Fund	60 68
County	261 43
School Dist. No. 1, half of insurance on town hall building	21 88
A. W. Austin, net income for town hall	40 00
Temporary loan	700 00

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Balance Collector Harvey's list 1877		38 14		
Less allowed for extra expenses collecting	16 92			
Abatements	4 50			
Amount uncollected	5 72	27 14	11 00	
Balance, Collector Hill's list 1878		51 94		
Less abatements		3 43	48 51	
Amount of taxes committed to S. E. Hayes' list 1879.				
Real and personal estate	5,193 71			
dog tax	55 00	5248 71		
Less 10 and 5 per cent discount	451 84			
abatements	15 53			
uncollected	11 73			
		479 10		
			4769 61	
			$6623 11	

Dr.

Paid March 8 B. F. Abbott, breaking roads	$1 20
1879 April 5 for town books	8 39
" interest on N. E. Burleigh note	12 00
" 7 C. E. Durrell, for School Dist. No. 1	25 00
" J. R. Clark, County Sealer	3 30
" 25 B. F. Abbott, for breaking roads	1 63
May 16 Joseph Smith, for Jones children	40 15
" 31 N. G. Howard, for highways	50 00
" " balance of interest on N. E. Burleigh's note	2 45
June 1 S. G. Smith for highways	47 68
" " O. S. Baketel, as Supt. School Com.	5 00
" 19 O. G. Sanborn, for County	10 00
" 23 D. G. Neal, for School Dist. No. 2	75 00
" " C. E. Durrell, " 1	400 00

July 5	Hollis Pease, for hearse house	168 00
25	O. G. Sanborn, for County	14 00
30	N. G. Howard, for highways	100 00
"	Geo. E. Lane, for County tax	1236 47
Aug. 6	J. M. Ewins, labor on town hall	1 30
"	Kate Fitzgerald, for County	35 00
9	Jos. Smith, Jones children	40 87
12	A. H. Varney, doctoring Fannie P. Hatch, County	9 00
23	S. G. Smith, breaking roads 1877	3 33
25	C. N. Colbath, on account of G. P. Kelley, County	13 00
26	G. B. Wiggin, for highways	51 40
Sept. 9	G. B. Wiggin "	10 00
11	E. J. Smith for care of H. O. Neal	21 00
"	A. Curry, " "	30 75
25	Rockingham County Farm, for F. French's board	160 75
Oct. 6	Amos Paul, for hearse &c.	361 36
15	N. G. Howard, for highways	100 00
16	C. E. Durrell, for School Dist. No. 1	25 00
"	G. O. Paul, for making deed	1 00
17	G. H. Pike, for care of H. O. Neal	3 75
"	S. Neal Jr. for breaking roads	6 00
Nov. 6	L. S. Pease, for H. O. Neal	4 00
15	town expenses, Ruland suit	50 00
18	C. E. Durrell, for School Dist. No. 1	375 00
26	A. H. Varney, for doctoring G. P. Kelly and H. O. Neal	19 00
Dec. 1	Kate Fitzgerald, for County	35 00
1	B. F. Abbott, for highways	88
1	expenses on Ruland suit	37 91
6	S. C. Farnham, for Supt. School Com.	8 00
8	S. Grey, for digging G. P. Kelley's grave, County	3 00
9	S. Grey, for work on highway	1 60

Dec. 15	C. V. Jenness, for handcuffs &c.	7 05
"	C. V. Jenness, for broom pails &c. for hearse house	4 15
17	E. Smith, work on burying ground	1 00
18	S. C. Dixon, for posts	3 00
Jan. 8, 1880	J. A. Clines & Co. for maps, School Dist. No. 2	5 00
26	Jos. Smith, for Jones children	87 05
30	J. H. Wilkinson, for Insurance,	43 75
Feb. 1	L. M. Pike, for horse hire, County	50
1	" baiting horse	50
4	D. G. Neal, for School Dist. No. 2	101 25
5	Mrs. C. Neal, for County	52 00
5	Kate Fitzgerald, for County	21 00
5	Jos. Lang, work on burying ground	1 50
8	J. C. Hanson, for County	5 25
8	" books for Bazos'	2 22
8	A. M. Wiggin, note and interest	422 93
8	" board and burial, County	37 68
14	A. Fields, for town hall 1878	2 58
"	" Blazo's, County	7 00
16	C. V. Jenness, for poor persons, County	3 00
21	C. Littlefield, for watering trough	3 00
"	S. G. Smith, for breaking roads,	5 25
"	G. B. Rundlett, Com. on hearse house	7 50
"	G. O. Paul, services as Treasurer	36 50
"	D. E. Smith, police services and breaking roads	10 00
"	S. M. Co. breaking roads	8 63
"	R. Harvey, expense	2 25
"	N. G. Howard, highway No. 1	84 37
"	C. H. Littlefield, police services and watering trough	14 00
"	J. E. Simpson, services as constable	8 00
"	D. C. Langlands, police services	8 00
"	E. G. Hill. "	8 00

Feb. 21	E. G. Hill, for hearse for G. P. Kelley	2 00
"	pay of witnesses, Perkins suit	14 75
"	N. E. Burleigh's note	200 00
25	A. H. Varney, recording births and deaths	6 00
"	A. H. Varney, services as town clerk &c.	31 93
"	S. Grey, labor on highway	75
"	Hollis Pease, for G. D. W. Robinson, watering trough, &c.	3 40
"	Hollis Pease, for bounty on hawks	40
"	E. C. Williams, copying town accounts	3 50
"	Wingate & Dunton, for printing town accounts	20 00
"	O. G. Sanborn, for poor persons	3 50
"	Hollis Pease, services as Selectman &c.	50 50
"	D. G. Neal " "	79 30
"	C. V. Jenness " "	108 65
26	C. E. Durrell, School Dist. No. 1	367 33
"	Benton Smith, Supt. School Com,	12 00
"	Jos. Smith, Jones children	18 42
27	W. H. Conner, police for 1878 & 1879	14 00
"	State tax	920 00
27	expenses on Ruland suit	1 29
28	S. E. Hayes, collecting taxes 1879	52 02
"	Wingate & Dunton, printing tax bills	1 75
"	S. E. Williams, auditing town accounts	3 00
		6,526 57
	Balance in hands of Treasurer	96 54
		$6,623 11

SELECTMEN'S BILLS.

Town of South Newmarket to C. V. Jenness, Dr.

1879,		
March 15,	to exp. to Exeter to get town books,	1 00
18, 19, 20,	filling out blank inventories,	4 00
22,	exp. to Exeter for advice in regard to blanks,	1 00
	to Greenland in regard to Ruland suit,	2 00
April 3,	enumerating school children,	3 00
7,	exp. to Exeter for advice, Ruland suit,	1 00
11, 12,	receiving inventories,	4 00
17,	exp. to Greenland regarding Ruland suit,	1 00
29,	extra time making taxes,	4 00
June 18,	to see County Commissioners for Fannie Hatch,	1 50
Aug. 27,	time on account of H. O. Neal,	2 00
	and expenses to Portsmouth to see Com. in regard to H. O. Neal,	3 00
Sept. 1,	exp. to Newmarket to see Dr. Elkins about H. O. Neal,	1 00
23,	exp. to Stratham and Newmarket bridge,	2 00
24,	exp. to County Farm to pay Frank French's board,	2 00
Oct. 21,	to expenses to Greenland and Exeter in regard to Ruland suit,	3 00
31,	Portsmouth in regard to Ruland suit,	2 70
Nov'r 4,	time and expenses to Boston,	5 70
5,	expenses to Exeter to see Dudley to make plan of highway,	1 00
8,	assisting Dudley in making plan,	2 00
11—13,	exp. to Portsmouth in regard to Ruland case,	5 40
15,	" " " " "	2 40
	exp. to Brentwood and Epping, " "	3 00
17,	exp. to Portsmouth " "	2 70
18 & 19,	" " "	6 90
Dec'r 2,	" to pay Court expenses " "	3 00
8,	exp. to Exeter for advice, " "	1 30

1880, Jan. 12,	" in regard to H. Chesley's tax,	1 00
24,	to settle with County Com.	1 50
Feb. 2,	time & expense for witnesses, Perkins' suit,	8 95
3 & 4,	exp. to Exeter " "	5 10
14,	" "	1 00
	postage and stationery,	4 50
	All other services as selectman,	15 00
		$108 65

Received payment,

CHARLES V. JENNESS.

Town of South Newmarket to Daniel G. Neal, Dr.

1879, March 17,	to exp. to Exeter in regard to Ruland suit,	2 00
18, 19, 20,	filling out blank inventories, &c.,	4 00
24,	exp. to Greenland in regard to Ruland suit,	3 50
April 3,	enrolling militia,	3 00
7,	exp. to Exeter in regard to Ruland suit,	2 00
11 and 12,	receiving inventories,	4 00
17,	exp. to Greenland in regard to Ruland suit,	2 00
June 18,	time in regard to Fannie P. Hatch,	1 00
29 and 30,	extra time making taxes,	4 00
Aug. 26,	time and team for H. O. Neal,	3 00
" "	" "	50
Sept. 1,	" " " "	3 50
" 2 and 3,	time and team and expenses to Concord, H. O. Neal,	7 00
Nov. 13 and 14,	time and expenses to Portsmouth, Ruland suit,	5 50
15,	time and team to Portsmouth, Ruland suit,	3 90
17, 18, 19,	time and expenses " "	9 70

1880, Feb. 27, 28, breaking roads,	1 20
Stratham and Newmarket bridge,	2 00
4, exp. to Exeter on Perkins suit,	2 50
All other services as selectman,	15 00
	$79 30

Received payment,

DANIEL G. NEAL.

Town of South Newmarket to Hollis Pease, Dr.

1879, to time on account of H. O. Neal,	2 00
March 18, 19, 20, to time filling out blank inventories,	5 00
April 11, 12, receiving "	4 00
29, 30, extra time making taxes,	4 00
Aug. 16, time getting coffin for E. P. Kelly,	2 00
Sept. 23, time Stratham and Newmarket bridge,	2 00
Nov. 18, time on Ruland suit,	2 00
19, to Portsmouth on Ruland suit,	3 20
Dec. 8, time to Exeter for legal advice,	1 00
1880, Jan. 17, expenses on Perkins's suit,	1 30
24, settling with County Com.	1 50
Feb. 2, 3, 4, time on Perkins's suit,	7 50
All other services as selectman,	15 00
	$50 50

Received payment,

HOLLIS PEASE.

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Abatements on R. Harvey's list, 1877.

James H. Fagan,	1 50	
John Fagan,	1 50	
William Pease,	1 50	4 50

Abatements on E. G. Hill's list, 1878.

John S. Weeks,	3 43

Abatements on S. E. Hayes's list, 1879.

William Bacon,	1 58	
J. Blazo,	1 59	
John Blazo,	1 59	
James Kimball,	1 59	
C. H. Leavitt,	1 00	dog.
John McGlency,	2 00	"
G. W. Pease,	1 00	"
J. S. Weeks,	2 00	"
Samuel Neal,	1 59	
William Warburton,	1 59	—$15 53

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

TOWN DEBTS.

Notes,	*1000 00	
Interest on same,	31 75	—1031 75
Less amount taxes uncollected on Collector Harvey's list, 1877,	5 72	
On Collector Hayes, 1879,	11 73	
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	96 54	— 113 99
Net amount of Town indebtedness,		$917 76

CHARLES V. JENNESS,
DANIEL G NEAL,
HOLLIS PEASE,
} Selectmen of So. Newmarket.

*Changed to 4 1-2 per cent.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

Dr.

1879.		
March, to balance from last year		$76 74
Dec. 13 Rec'd from State railroad tax	337 26	
" Savings bank	296 00	
" Literary Fund	60 68	

1880.				
Feb. 7	"	County of Rockingham	261 43	
21	"	R. Harvey, on list 1877	11 00	
	"	E. G. Hill " 1878	48 51	
	"	S. E. Hayes " 1879	4769 61	
26	"	Net income of town hall	40 00	
27	"	School Dist. No. 1, one-half of insurance of town building	21 88	
28	"	Selectmen, Loans,	700 00	6,546 37
				$6,623 11

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Feb. 28 by paid on orders from the Selectmen the past year	6,526 57	
Balance	96 54	6,623 11

GEO. O. PAUL, Treasurer.

South Newmarket, Feb. 28, 1880.

The undersigned hereby certifies that he has examined the foregoing accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer, and finds them correctly cast and properly vouched.

S. E. WILLIAMS, Auditor.

REPORT OF THE

Superintending School Committee.

I can, of course, report to you only the few observations which I have made during the brief period that the schools have been in my charge.

But I can assure you that few towns of the size of your own, are so well situated to have good schools and to secure all the benefits of them with so little loss of time and money. You have but two school districts, and your schoolhouses are situated within comfortable distance of nearly if not quite all the homes of the citizens. Seven-eighths of the pupils of the town belong to District No. 1, and the schools in the district could be easily graded, and have a complete course of study upon attainment in which advancement could alone be made. A well graded system, strictly adhered to, would give the teachers more time and better facilities for work, would be an act of simple justice to all industrious and capable scholars, and would make great change for the better in the whole tone and character of the schools. There should also be rules and regulations for the guidance of teachers and scholars; and these, together with the course of study and the list of text books, should be printed, that they may be easily consulted by teachers, scholars and parents.

Should this be done, there would be unity in District No. 1. There would then be one school with its different departments and classes. The teacher of the highest department could then be made the Principal of the school, have the general charge of the buildings and the yard, see that they are kept in a neat and otherwise proper condition, and without diminishing the responsibility of the other teachers, whose duty it would be to co-operate with him in the discharge of his duties, he would be held responsible for the general discipline of the school. Only his bell should be the call for the scholars to come in at the opening of the sessions, the signal for dismission at the close of the school, and the one signal for recesses to commence and end.

If a system like this should be adopted and should be heartily and steadily sustained by all parents, the school would be at once elevated in tone and efficiency, it would yield a full return for the money expended, and soon give you just ground to be proud of your school.

In this connection it should be remembered that the amount of knowledge acquired by pupils is very far from being the only advantage of a good school. When a school is perfect in its order and in its work, a habit of prompt obedience is acquired which passes into the work, the business and the social affairs of mature life, and becomes an unconscious but powerful help to success. A habit of perfectly mastering lessons becomes a habit in the affairs of mature life. And the good order and propriety of conduct of a good school become characteristics of the gentleman and lady of later life. We cannot afford a disorderly school upon any ground. Little knowledge can be acquired in one, and uncurbed habits of carelessness and rudeness do not end with school life.

In District No. 1, the High School needs a complete recasting. In its order and work it does not approach the demands that should be made upon it, for it seems to be doing its poorest rather than its best. The scholars should be brought into far better habits, both of

body and mind. And what was said in the early part of the report respecting a course of study and of good order will apply with especial force to this school.

I found the Intermediate School in good order and showing good work. If the High School was under good discipline, the teacher of this school would find her task much easier.

The Primary School was in excellent order, and being both well taught and trained. Miss Sanborn constantly quickens the life of her school.

In District No. 2 I found a superior school. The teacher, Mr. Trickey, was very quiet and pleasant in his manner. The order was perfect, and was maintained without friction and without any apparent effort. The large scholars gave both willing and cheerful obedience and their conduct was at all times becoming young ladies and young gentlemen intent only upon the work of the school; and the relation between the teacher and the younger scholars were very pleasant. There was no loss of time in the school, for the teaching was clear and rapid and the order all that could be required. I congratulate the District upon having had the services of so good a teach e

In District No. 1, the following named scholars have been present without being absent or tardy :—

HIGH SCHOOL.

1st Term.—Carrie E. Pease, Annie E. Purington, Kate Ewin, Fred. C. Walton, Fred. T. Paul, Ralph P. Jones.

2d Term.—Annie E. Purington, Ralph P. Jones, Charles A. Sanborn.

3d Term.—None.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

1st Term.—Ralph Conner, Charles Hanson, Fred. Hanson, Maggie Kelly, Nellie Marden, Mamie McCabe, Etta Pease.

2d Term.—Charlie Hanson, Fred. Jones, Maggie Kelly, Nellie Marden, Mamie McCabe, Grace Walton.

3d Term.—Fred. Jones, Maggie Kelly, Nellie Marden, Charles Hanson.

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

1st Term.—D. John Lynch, Virginia McCabe, Kate O'Brien, George S. Fifield, Bertrand Miller, Arthur Walton, Mabel A. Sanborn, Mary G. Kendall, Helen B. Kendall.

2d Term.—D. John Lynch, Virginia McCabe, Kate O'Brien, George S. Fifield, Frank Hayden, Fannie Marden.

3d Term.—D. John Lynch, Virginia McCabe, Kate O'Brien.

DISTRICT No. 2.

1st. Term.—Edita M. Fogg, Flora A. Foss, Emma E. Bowley, Fred. S. Foss.

2d Term.—Albert A Conner, Asa G. W. Neal, Herbert W. Smith, Willie H. Smith, Flora E. Smith.

Respectfully Submitted,

BENTON SMITH,

Superintending School Committee.

So. Newmarket, Feb. 26th, 1880.

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